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# Summer Reading Project

Individualized English

2019-2020

Until We Meet Again by Anne Schraff

Part 1 – Characters – Write two facts about each character that you’ve learned about that person.

- a. Darcy Wills: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Jamee Wills: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. Grandma: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- d. Carl Wills (Dad): \_\_\_\_\_  
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- e. Mattie Mae Wills (Mom): \_\_\_\_\_  
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- f. Hakeem Randall: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- g. Liselle Mason: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Part 2 - Vocabulary In Context

1. In the following excerpt, what does the word *somberly* mean?

“So does this mean you’re going to move?” she asked. “Yeah, if Dad takes the job,” Hakeen said **somberly**.

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| a. sarcastically | c. seriously  |
| b. rudely        | d. laughingly |

2. In the following excerpt, what does the word *demeanor* mean?

Up until the day before the move, Darcy’s mother appeared quite calm. But on moving day when she and Dad took their belongings to the house, Mom’s **demeanor** changed completely.

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| a. behavior      | c. clothing |
| b. tone of voice | d. opinion  |

3. In the following excerpt, what does the word *civil* mean?

As Brisana got closer to the table, Darcy braced herself, hoping that Tarah and Brisana would be **civil** to each other.

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| a. funny     | c. polite |
| b. sarcastic | d. mean   |

## Part 3 – Main Idea

4. The main idea of the excerpt below is that

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| a. Grandma had her first stroke over a year ago.                      |
| b. Grandma sometimes calls out for people in the middle of the night. |
| c. Darcy is afraid Grandma might have to go to a nursing home.        |

Ever since Grandma’s first stroke over a year ago, Darcy feared that the family might be forced to send Grandma to a nursing home. She imagined her grandmother calling out her name in the middle of the night, only to have a stranger appear at her bedside. The thought of Grandma alone and frightened in unfamiliar surroundings made Darcy shudder. There was no way she would allow Grandma to be put into such a place.

5. The main idea of the excerpt below is that
  - a. Hakeem hasn't returned Darcy's phone calls.
  - b. Darcy knows things are difficult for Hakeem right now.
  - c. Darcy does not understand Hakeem's behavior towards her

[Darcy said to Hakeem] "I've been doing nothing but trying to understand you for weeks now. When you didn't return my phone calls, I tried to understand. When you avoided me in school, I tried to understand. I'm not stupid, and I know things are difficult for you, but I don't understand why you've been treating me this way. And this? After all we've been through, I don't understand this at all!"

#### Part 4 - Conclusions

6. We can conclude at the end of the story that
  - a. Darcy's mother is still too angry to forgive her.
  - b. Jamee will start dating Brian now that he and Darcy have broken up.
  - c. Grandma left Darcy and Jamee a large inheritance.
  
7. Based on the final scene between Darcy and Brian, we can infer they will probably
  - a. Give their relationship a second chance.
  - b. Avoid speaking to each other ever again.
  - c. Start going on double date with Cooper and Tarah.
  - d. Become close friends.
  
8. The end of the book suggests that Darcy and Hakeem will
  - a. Make sure they go to the same college after they graduate high school
  - b. Get an apartment together in Detroit
  - c. Try to remain close despite living so far apart.
  - d. Realize that there's no point in talking anymore.

## Part 5 – Guided Paragraph Assignment

Write a paragraph in which you provide supporting evidence to back up the following point:

**Point:** In Until We Meet Again, Darcy makes poor decisions on at least three different occasions.

### How to Proceed:

Here are steps to take in writing your paper.

1. Select three occasions on which Darcy exhibits poor judgement. Write what these three occasions are here:

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2. Freewrite for five minutes or so about each bad decision Darcy makes – that is, just write down whatever comes into your head. What made the decision a poor one? What influenced Darcy to make that decision? What should she have done instead? Don't worry at all about spelling, punctuation, or grammar at this early stage.
3. Next, look over your freewriting and maybe go through the book to get more information supporting why each decision was a poor one for Darcy to make. Add more details.
4. Now write a rough draft of your paragraph. The box below shows how you can organize your paragraph.

Three Poor Decisions	
In <i>Until We Meet Again</i> , Darcy makes poor decisions on three different occasions.	
The first bad decision she makes is _____ (Add supporting details.)	
A second instance of Darcy's poor judgment is _____ (Add supporting details.)	
A final poor decision Darcy makes is _____ (Add supporting details.)	

5. Set the paragraph aside for a while so you can take a fresh look at it later. See if you have provided enough supporting details to back up your point that Darcy made three poor decisions.

See if you can add more details, or even better details. Rewrite the paper, trying to make your support as convincing as possible.

6. Now it's very important to read your paper aloud. Chances are that you will find grammar or punctuation mistakes at every spot where your paper does not read smoothly and clearly. Make the corrections needed so that all of your sentences read smoothly. If necessary, write a final draft before handing in your paper.

## Part 6 - Creative Assignment

**Postcard activity:** Pretending you are a character in Until We Met Again, write a postcard to another character from the book. In the postcard, you should ask that character a question about his or her actions or behavior. Then pass your postcard to another student in class who will write a reply to your postcard in the voice of that other character.

The image shows a large rectangular frame containing a postcard template. On the right side of the frame, there is a smaller square box representing a stamp. To the left of this stamp box, there is a vertical line that extends from the top of the stamp box down to the bottom of the postcard area. Below this vertical line, there are five horizontal dashed lines for writing the message.

# Checklist for Summer Reading Project

- Packet questions completed
- Paragraph on separate sheet of paper (written or typed)
- Postcard completed with message to character with address (make it up)